



Jesse Arreguín
Office of the Mayor

REVISED AGENDA MATERIAL for Supplemental Packet 2

Meeting Date: [January 26, 2021]

Item Number: 9

Item Description: **Confirming Community Appointments to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force**

Submitted by: **Mayor Arreguín**

The item has been revised to include the names of the appointments from the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC), and the Berkeley Community Safety Coalition (BCSC).

Two attachments, have been included and referenced as well:

- A letter from the ASUC External Affairs Vice-President nominating Alecia Harger as their appointee to the task force
- Correspondence from the BCSC steering committee nominating Todd Walker to the task force



January 20, 2021

Berkeley City Council

1231 Addison Street
Berkeley, CA 94702

Appointing Alecia Harger to the Re-Imagining Public Safety Task Force

Dear Mayor and City Council Members,

On behalf of the Associated Students of the University of California, the representative body of more than 40,000 students at the University of California, Berkeley, I am writing to express our formal support to appoint Alecia Harger as the ASUC Appointment to the City of Berkeley Re-imagining Public Safety Task Force.

Seeing Alecia's community-rooted activism in working to reform community safety on Berkeley's campus and within the city, I know that she will be integral in the task force's goal of providing input on new or redesigned programs and initiatives that will support an equitable, community-centered, anti-racist model of public safety.

Alecia's experience will also assist the task force's additional goals of creating a pilot program to reassign non-criminal police service calls to a Specialized Care Unit, developing a Department of Transportation to administer parking regulations and traffic laws, and auditing 9-1-1 calls and the Police Department budget.

Should you have any questions regarding our appointment, please don't hesitate to contact me at eavp@asuc.org.

Sincerely,

DEREK IMAI

ASUC External Affairs Vice President

Subject: BCSC Appointee: Todd Walker, born and raised in Berkeley
Date: Monday, January 25, 2021 at 11:15:50 AM Pacific Standard Time
From: Moni Law
To: Trachtenberg, Tano, Commission, bcssteeringcommittee@googlegroups.com
Attachments: IMG-1682.jpeg

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Dear Mayor and Council:

The Berkeley Community Safety Coalition is happy to announce that Todd Walker was approved by our Steering Committee to serve as our representative on the Reimagining Task Force. He underwent a vetting process that included an in-depth personal interview and a formal vote by the Steering Committee. Mr. Walker was born and raised in South Berkeley and remains a respected member of the small and sadly vanishing Black community. Although he currently resides in Oakland, he is a vested Berkeley stakeholder who continues to volunteer as a mentor and coach to African-American youth in Berkeley. He also has a compelling story that you can find featured in national news coverage including the New York Times.

Community or Public Safety also includes gun prevention, restorative justice, and community services including mental health and wellness for traumatized families, and youth activities. As a funeral director, Mr. Walker told our BSCS steering committee that he envisions seeing Black and Brown youth in college classrooms or on basketball courts or football fields and not killing fields or in caskets.

Mr. Walker's insights from fifty years of Berkeley involvement as a resident, coach and mentor are invaluable and urgently needed. As an impacted individual who meets much of the criteria on your application, he will enthusiastically represent us and attend our general membership and steering committee meetings to convey our concerns and ideas back to this new and important Task Force.

The second page of his application will be forwarded under separate cover.

Respectfully,

Moni T. Law, J.D.
Chair, Berkeley Community Safety Coalition



Office of the Mayor

CONSENT CALENDAR

January 26, 2021

To: Members of the City Council
From: Mayor Jesse Arreguín
Subject: Confirming Community Appointments to Reimagining Public Safety Task Force

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Confirming the appointment of [Alecia Harger](#) _____ by the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) External Affairs Vice President to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force
2. Confirming the appointment of [Todd Walker](#) _____ by the Steering Committee of the Berkeley Community Safety Coalition (BCSC) to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force

BACKGROUND

On December 15, 2020, the Berkeley City Council unanimously adopted Resolution No. 69,673-N.S. establishing the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force, and on January 19, 2021 approved a revised resolution on January 19, 2021 to clarify the responsibilities and timeline of the Task Force, city staff and the consulting team with the National Institute for Criminal Justice Reform (Attachments 1 and 2).

The enabling legislation for the Task Force requires that the City Council confirm by a majority vote appointments made by the ASUC External Affairs Vice President, Berkeley Community Safety Coalition and the 3 “At-Large” seats appointed by the Task Force. The confirmation of these members will allow them to be seated on the Task Force and for the important work of the Task Force to commence on the intended timeline.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct fiscal impacts from Council confirming the appointments of the ASUC External Affairs Vice President and Berkeley Community Safety Coalition to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

There are no direct environmental impacts from the appointment of these members to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Resolution No. 69,673-N.S, “Establishing Reimagining Public Safety Task Force”
3. “
4. January 19, 2021 City Council item, “Revisions to Enabling Legislation for Reimagining Public Safety Task Force”
5. [Appointment Letter from ASUC External Affairs Vice President, Derek Imai](#)
- 4-6. [Appointment Email from BCSC Steering Committee Chair, Moni Law](#)

RESOLUTION NO.

CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO THE REIMAGINING PUBLIC SAFETY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, On July 14, 2020, the Berkeley City Council made a historic commitment to reimagine the City’s approach to public safety with the passage of an omnibus package of referrals, resolutions and directions; and

WHEREAS, Central to this proposal is a commitment to a robust community process to achieve this “new and transformative model of positive, equitable and community centered safety for Berkeley”. Item 18d, Transforming Community Safety, provides direction on the development of a “Community Safety Coalition”, goals and a timeline led by a steering committee and guided by professional consultants; and

WHEREAS, on December 15, 2020 the City Council approved Resolution No. 69,673-N.S, “Establishing Reimagining Public Safety Task Force”; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 69,673 N.S. established membership comprised of: One (1) representative appointed by each member of the City Council and Mayor, one (1) representative appointed by the Mental Health, Police Review and Youth Commissions, one (1) representative appointed by the Berkeley Community Safety Coalition (BCSC), and three (3) additional members to be appointed “At Large” by the Task Force, all subject to confirmation by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Berkeley Community Safety Coalition (BCSC) has nominated [Todd Walker](#) as their representative on the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) External Affairs Vice President have nominated [Alecia Harger](#) as their representative on the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Council of the City of Berkeley that it hereby confirms the appointment of [Todd Walker](#) by the Berkeley Community Safety Coalition (BCSC) and the appointment of [Alecia Harger](#) by the Associated Students of the University of California (ASUC) External Affairs Vice President to the Reimagining Public Safety Task Force.